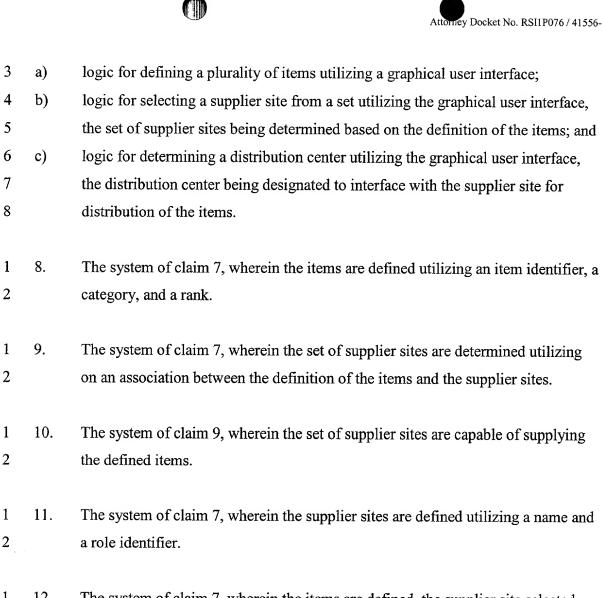
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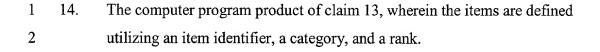
What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method for creating cost system components in a supply chain utilizing a
2		network, comprising:
3	a)	defining a plurality of items utilizing a graphical user interface;

- 4 b) selecting a supplier site from a set utilizing the graphical user interface, the set of
- 5 supplier sites being determined based on the definition of the items; and
- 6 c) determining a distribution center utilizing the graphical user interface, the
- 7 distribution center being designated to interface with the supplier site for
- 8 distribution of the items.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the items are defined utilizing an item identifier, a category, and a rank.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the set of supplier sites are determined utilizing on an association between the definition of the items and the supplier sites.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the set of supplier sites are capable of supplying the defined items.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the supplier sites are defined utilizing a name and a role identifier.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the items are defined, the supplier site selected, and the distribution center determined utilizing a network.
- 1 7. A system for creating cost system components in a supply chain utilizing a network, comprising:



- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the items are defined, the supplier site selected. 2 and the distribution center determined utilizing a network.
- 1 13. A computer program product for creating cost computer program product 2 components in a supply chain utilizing a network, comprising: 3 a) computer code for defining a plurality of items utilizing a graphical user interface;
- 4 b) computer code for selecting a supplier site from a set utilizing the graphical user 5 interface, the set of supplier sites being determined based on the definition of the 6 items; and
- 7 c) computer code for determining a distribution center utilizing the graphical user 8 interface, the distribution center being designated to interface with the supplier 9 site for distribution of the items.



- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the set of supplier sites are
 2 determined utilizing on an association between the definition of the items and the
 3 supplier sites.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the set of supplier sites are capable of supplying the defined items.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supplier sites are defined utilizing a name and a role identifier.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the items are defined, the supplier site selected, and the distribution center determined utilizing a network.